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Message from the Principal

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Dear parents, friends and Father Arsenio

I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to many people this week. As this period of remote learning continues there are many people working behind the scenes completing unusual tasks. Firstly, I'd like to thank Trish Ryan who has become a hero of onsite supervision. She usually works in the library and she generously offered to anchor the onsite supervision changing her hours and days to do so. Secondly, thank you to Melinda who has ensured we have our most vulnerable students well catered for in the remote learning period. I am also grateful to Lauren who oversees the rest of the supervision roster. All capably assisted by Errin. It is no easy task to balance the needs of staff, students and permitted worker parents and I appreciate their efforts.

One point I would like to reiterate is around work expectations. These are incredibly difficult times for all of us to navigate. The one thing that you as parents can do is adjust the expectations of work completed by your child/ren. There is no issue if you need to do so more often than previously. Simply communicate with your child's teacher so they know and can mark the roll appropriately. The directives from CEM are very clear about minimizing student/parent movements and my OHS responsibilities to staff. I appreciate the effort families are required to make to complete what can be complex home learning. Please talk to your child's teacher to make appropriate adjustments as often as required.

Well done to Lucy Postill one of our school leaders who helped me post the weekly leader's message on Dojo this week. This was no small. I feat and I think she tackled it well. Thanks for being such a great example of our STAR acronym Lucy.

Finally, thanks to Caeleigh who helped arrange a Yr 6 transition to year 7 night last week. We had over 40 families log in and hear some really useful tips for our students going onto year 7 next year. My thanks to the year 7 coordinators from Sion, White-friars and Aquinas who assisted.

Have a great week

Duncan

TO THE SCHOOL CALENDAR Under

current

parents tab

FOR ALL EVENTS

AND DATES

PLEASE GO





PARISH NEWS

Not much news from the Parish given we are in this our second lockdown. The Church and Chapel remain closed till further notice. With this second lockdown all Parish house staff are now working from home after advice from the Archdiocese. Please find below a reflection from Father.

Fr Arsenio's Reflection:

This is one of the rare occasions when we find Jesus in conversation with a woman who is not only a Gentile and a pagan but belongs to a nation noted for its traditional hostility to the Jewish people. Totally convinced that Jesus can be of assistance in a hopeless situation, the Canaanite woman comes forward, kneels at his feet and asks for her daughter to be cured. The disciples, embarrassed and unable to cope with her cry of desperation, want Jesus to send her away as quickly as possible. Nevertheless Jesus does not regard this as an obstacle. He puts her faith to the test and grants her request because she has shown more trust in him than his own people. This encounter between Christ and the Canaanite woman indicates that God has no favourites and nobody is excluded from his company. His message was not the exclusive property of the Jewish people but the good news to be shared among all peoples and nationalities. His whole mission is to break down barriers and to remove walls of division and prejudice.

This gospel confronts us with our own tendency to cause conflict by promoting exclusiveness. We might be biased against people simply because their political and religious outlook differs from our own. We fail to remember that no seats are reserved in heaven for any particular following. God does not discriminate but welcomes all who believe in him, who ask for his mercy and seek to do his will. In a community of faithful, everyone should be made welcome no matter how they may be dressed or how unattractive they may be. The good news is that everyone can call upon God in their need and receive his mercy because unlike us, he has time for everybody. Be well and stay safe!

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The lastest edition of The Spirit is available now at http://holyspiritparish.org.au/Portals/3/Documents/Spirit Extra/spirit extra 008.pdf

Prayer of the Week

Dear Holy Spirit,

Here is a beautiful prayer link called <u>Pray As You Go.</u>

This is a daily prayer session, designed to go with you wherever you go, to help you pray whenever you find time. Each week day there is a new prayer as well as one for the weekend, which are based on the current week in the Church. There is also music for each day. I hope you enjoy this style of prayer which is based on Ignatian spirituality, which is prayer for everyday life. It insists that God is present in our world and active in our lives.

https://pray-as-you-go.org/



The Blessing Project

The Blessing Project is continuing. If you have made a recording please contact Bill or Maree Buttler to arrange for it to be picked up. We can use a USB drive to transfer it, or you can upload it to YouTube and send us the link, or email your photo to us at billnmaree@optusnet.com.au .



SCHOOL NEWS



💢 Congratulations to our Stars of the Week



Week Four

Harrison Shine, Summer Wootten, Cooper Manners, William Laurence, Evie Bautista, James Coco, Millie Jury, Sebastian Kinski, Logan Ward, Archie Young, Raff Mazzeo, Benjamin Radford, Felicity Cocker, Amy Neilsen, Tyler Harrington, Matilda Baker, Kyla Cronin, Abigail Mattar, Flynn Svrakov, Liana Aloi, Emily Lomen, Ava McRedmond.

Even back in her Holy Spirit student days our very own Caeleigh Osborne was wise beyond her years. Some very useful and current advice right here!











Parent portal password

A new feature has been added to the parent portal.

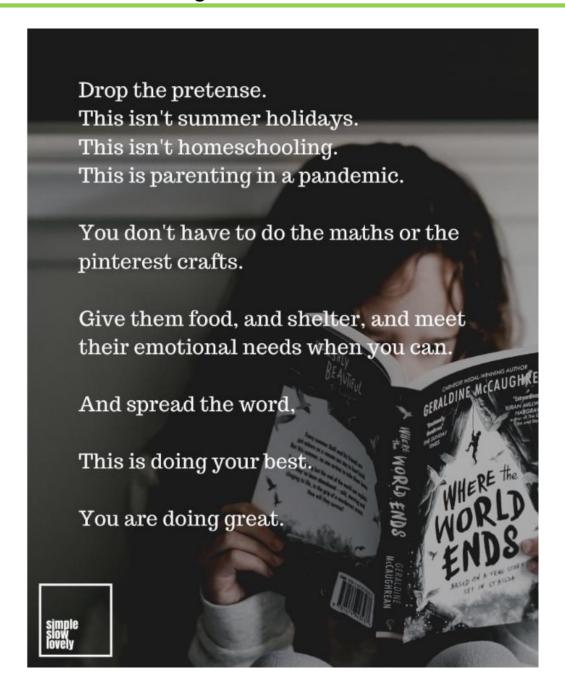
You are now able to change your password.

How to change password.

Log into parent portal using your family ID – username and password

Once in you will see a new tab CHANGE PASSWORD.

If in the further you forget your password use the FORGET PASS-WORD feature on the log in screen







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Principal Mark Murphy at bit.ly/WFCTour

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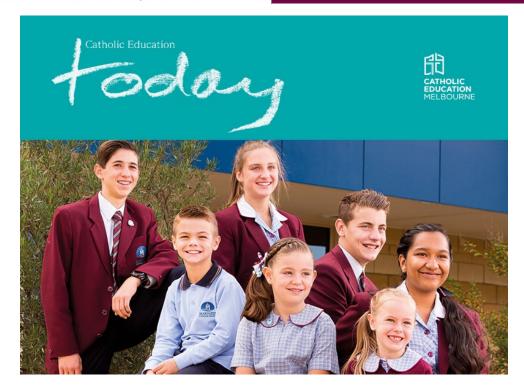
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AT HOME, ONLINE PILATES

Hi, I'm Brigid Buyck, Mum of Zach (Grade 4), Gemma (Grade 1) at Holy Spirit & Lachie (Year 7) Aquinas.

I am a qualified Pilates & Aerobics instructor and offering Pilates classes via Zoom during lockdown.

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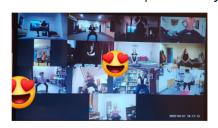
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